GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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NEW YOUTH POLICY
ANANTA NAYAK;SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a new youth policy;

(b) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether the Government propose to evolve any special schemes to eradicate the growing unemployment among the youth in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which such schemes are likely to come into operation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTON NO.429 23.04.2002 REGARDING NEW YOUTH POLICY ASKED BY SHRI ANANTA NAYAK AND SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL.

(a) to (e): The Government are already having a National Youth Policy which was formulated in 1988. In the light of the changes that have taken place and the experience gained, the Ministry have formulated a draft of the New National Youth Policy in which it has been proposed to lower the defining age of youth from 15-35 years to 13-35 years. The thrust areas of the Draft National Youth Policy-2002 are:-

(i) Youth Empowerment;

(ii) Gender Justice;

(iii) Inter-Sectoral Approach; and

(iv) Information and Research Network.

The Policy recognizes the following sectors as the key sectors of concern for youth:-

(i) Education;

(ii) Training and Employment;

(iii) Health;

(iv) Environment;

(v) Sports and Recreation;

(vi) Art and Culture

(vii) Science and Technology; and

(viii) Civics and Citizenship

The draft of the New National Youth Policy is in the process of being finalised for obtaining the approval of the Cabinet.

The various Ministries/Departments are implementing a number of employment generation schemes designed to address the problem of unemployment including that among the youth of the country.

Recently, the Government have decided to set up a National Commission for Youth under the Chairmanship of Shri Balbir Punj, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha). The Commission, inter-alia, is expected to recommend an action oriented strategy and approach for the development of youth and suggest new policy measures and programmes after an indepth analysis of the problems faced by the youth, with particular reference to the problem of youth employment. The Commission has been given six months time to submit its report.